

Antill Oaks

Big Bayou Black
4446 Southdown Mandalay Rd
Houma, LA

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medicine in Paris, attended Yale, and later owned Bayou Black Plantation. He practiced medicine in New York and moved to Louisiana where he practiced in New Orleans, Lafourche, and Terrebonne. The Butler family has a long and distinguished history of military service including the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War.

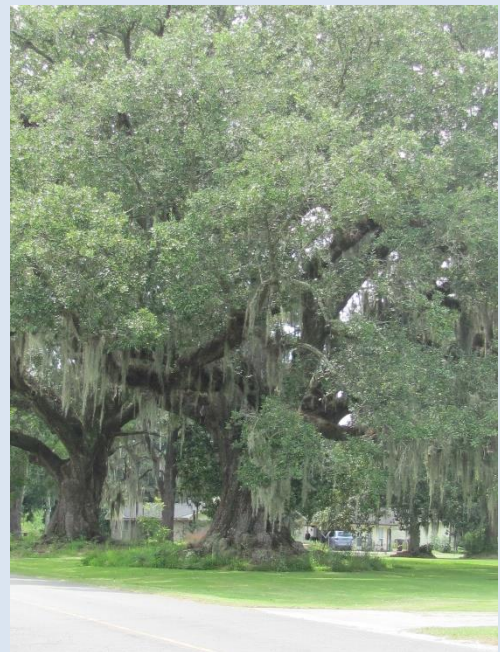
The larger of the two old Live Oaks was named and registered as the Antill Oak with Live Oak Society Registry as #480 and listed in 1973-75. The tree measured 21 feet 6 inches and was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. & Myra Antill Breaux. Information submitted by Linda Brashier and story written by Trudy Voisin Hebert

The Antill Oaks grace the Antill family property along Bayou Black in Terrebonne Parish. One of the Antill sons, Johnny said that the trees were old when the family moved to the area. Mrs. Myra Antill Breaux, current owner said, “in the days before air conditioning and television, the family would gather under the trees to play a very popular card game called ‘Pedro’ a South Louisiana favorite.”

In the 20th Century, the James S. Antill (1903-1983) family followed the sugar industry to Preston, Cuba. There they lived in the Oriente province on the United Fruit sugar plantation. James and his wife, Santa Giroir Antill (1909-1997) and their children Marvin, James, “Jimmy” (1938-2013) Claudette, and Johnny were among the American families exiled in 1959 during Fidel Castro’s nationalization of industries.

They moved back to the United States, settling on Bayou Black purchasing the property in January 1963, as recorded in Terrebonne Parish Assessor records, from R. B. Butler, Houma City Attorney.

The Live oak trees date from the Butler Family’s ownership of the property. Butler was a descendant of Judge Thomas Butler (1785-1845) who developed plantations in Terrebonne Parish and West Feliciana in the 1830s. Butler family members also included Dr. Robert Ormond Butler (1832-1874), who studied



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